

STATE OF IOWA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE:  MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY	DOCKET NO. P-750
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**ORDER HOLDING RECORD OPEN AND  
ALLOWING LIMITED ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE**

(Issued April 14, 2004)

On September 11, 2003, MidAmerican Energy Company (MidAmerican) filed a petition and exhibits for renewal of natural gas pipeline permit number 887, issued to Iowa-Illinois Gas and Electric Company, predecessor to MidAmerican, on October 17, 1978, for the Blue Grass Lateral #2, a pipeline in Scott County, Iowa. The hearing in this case was held on April 13, 2004.

At the hearing, Mr. Keith Meyer appeared pro se by telephone conference call. Mr. Meyer expressed concerns regarding the safety of the pipeline and requested the opportunity to take and file photographs of certain portions of the pipeline showing his concerns after the conclusion of the hearing. Mr. Meyer requested to submit photographs of the pipeline taken at or near 140<sup>th</sup> Street and Coon Hunter's Road in Scott County, Iowa. MidAmerican objected to this, citing the untimeliness of the request and concerns as to whether the photographs would accurately represent the pipeline at issue in this case as it currently exists.

At the hearing, the undersigned ruled that Mr. Meyer would be allowed to file four (4) photographs of the pipeline at issue in this case taken at or near 140<sup>th</sup> Street and Coon Hunter's Road with the Utilities Board (Board) on or before April 30, 2004, if Mr. Meyer followed certain procedures to address MidAmerican's concerns regarding accuracy. Mr. Meyer and MidAmerican agreed that a representative of MidAmerican and Mr. Meyer would meet at 140<sup>th</sup> Street and Coon Hunter's Road in Scott County, Iowa, at 10 a.m. on Friday, April 16, 2004. Mr. Meyer will take his photographs of the pipeline at issue in this case at that time with the representative of MidAmerican present. Mr. Meyer may take more than four photographs at that time to ensure he obtains good quality photographs, but may only file four photographs with the Board. With his photographs, Mr. Meyer must file a written explanation of each photograph and what safety concerns with the Blue Grass Lateral # 2 he believes each shows. Mr. Meyer must ensure that MidAmerican and the Consumer Advocate Division of the Department of Justice (Consumer Advocate) receive copies of the four photographs and his explanation no later than Friday, April 30, 2004. If MidAmerican or the Consumer Advocate wish to file any additional testimony or evidence regarding the four photographs or the explanation filed by Mr. Meyer, they must do so on or before May 5, 2004.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. Mr. Meyer and a representative of MidAmerican shall meet at 140<sup>th</sup> Street and Coon Hunter's Road, Scott County, Iowa, at 10 a.m. on Friday, April 16, 2004. At that time, Mr. Meyer shall take his photographs of the pipeline at issue in

this case with the representative of MidAmerican present. Mr. Meyer may take more than four photographs at that time to ensure he obtains good quality photographs, but may only file four photographs with the Board.

2. If Mr. Meyer chooses to file four of the photographs he took on April 16, 2004, with the Board, he shall do so on or before Friday, April 30, 2004. With his photographs, Mr. Meyer must file a written explanation of each photograph and what safety concerns with the Blue Grass Lateral # 2 he believes each shows.

3. Mr. Meyer shall ensure that MidAmerican and the Consumer Advocate receive copies of the four photographs and his explanation no later than Friday, April 30, 2004.

4. If MidAmerican or the Consumer Advocate wish to file any additional testimony or evidence regarding the four photographs or the explanation filed by Mr. Meyer, they shall do so on or before May 5, 2004.

**UTILITIES BOARD**

/s/ Amy L. Christensen  
Amy L. Christensen  
Administrative Law Judge

ATTEST

/s/ Judi K. Cooper  
Executive Secretary

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2004.